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The San Diego Foundation
Heather Rossetti
2508 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92106

Re: Balboa Park Endowment Funds Grant support for Save Our Heritage Organisation - Marston House Museum and Gardens Repointing Phase I

Dear Ms. Rossetti,

I am writing on behalf of [support group] to express my support in awarding Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) grant funds through the Balboa Park Endowment Funds Grant program for the Marston House Museum and Gardens Repointing Phase I project.

Listed on the National Register of Historical Places and located at the northwestern edge of Balboa Park, the Marston House Museum and Gardens is an outstanding Arts and Crafts era home designed by Master Architect Irving Gill for one of our city's most influential families and philanthropists, George and Anna Marston. One of San Diego's most iconic historic resources and cultural landscapes, exterior brick that composes the main house, carriage house, and garden walls is substantially deteriorated and in crucial need of masonry repointing and rehabilitation. Funding for this important project will not only increase safety at this significant historical site, but also preserve and restore the original character of the Marston House and its gardens as well as beautify this area of Balboa Park.

SOHO and the Marston House Museum and Gardens serve San Diegans from all districts as well as visitors and tourists, helping connect the past to the present by sharing the architectural and social history, early development of the city and Balboa Park, and important historical figures of San Diego, such as George and Anna Marston. [support group] requests and supports awarding SOHO grant funds to carry out this critical project, which enables them to continue and share their important work at this historical and cultural site.

Sincerely,

[support group]